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Suggestions for Inclusion in ORR Contribution to the Annual Report to the NSC on the Status of the Foreign Intelligence Program

REF: DAD/RR Memorandum to Ch/E, 10 July 1958

1. In response to the above reference, it is suggested that D/I comments submitted 2 April 1958 for proposed inclusion in the ORR contribution to the Semi-Annual Report to the President's Board of Consultants be referred to and considered for incorporation in the ORR contribution to the annual report to the National Security Council.
2. In addition, the following items are believed to be of interest and are recommended for inclusion in the ORR contribution.
  - a. During the past year the US intelligence community has arrived at significantly more definitive estimates of past and current production of heavy bombers in the USSR. These new agreed estimates are based not only on better and more complete collection of data but also on better analysis of these data.
  - b. In order to fill the gaps in intelligence on the Soviet guided missile program, a joint DD/I - DD/P task force has been planning for covert collection of information to satisfy this high priority collection objective.
  - c. Preliminary reports from [REDACTED] from the USSR show considerable potential for providing important information on high priority intelligence objectives in the fields of military economic activities of the USSR. 25X1X7
  - d. The margins of error involved in the projection of possible future Soviet programs in the field of guided missiles have been reduced by considering the relative economic impacts of these programs. Consideration of these factors provided the Office of National Estimates an additional dimension for judging the composition and extent of Soviet activities in this field.